

# MOUNDS STATE PARK

## Winter Workshop Series

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**INTERPRETIVE CENTER WINTER HOURS:**

Monday thru Saturday 9:00am – 4:00pm and Sunday 11:00am-4:00pm

All of our winter workshops will be held in the Visitor Center and **begin at 1:00pm**, unless otherwise noted. Workshops will last approximately 1½-2 hours. In the event of poor weather conditions, workshops may be cancelled; they will not be rescheduled. *There is no gate fee during the winter months.* To ensure we will have enough supplies for everyone, registration is required by the Wednesday before the workshop, unless otherwise indicated. To register or find out more about these great activities, call (765) 649-8128.

### GRAPEVINE WREATH

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 10 at 1:00pm**

Workshop fee: \$3/wreath



Wild grapevines can be considered a nuisance. But we can help the woodlands by removing these vines and using them for our craft. Add dried flowers, seasonal decorations, personal keepsakes, fishing lures, or just about anything, and you've got yourself a fun indoor/outdoor wreath. Pre-registration is required.

### WALKING STICK

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 24 at 1:00pm**

Workshop fee: \$5/person

A walking stick can aid you in hiking - it takes pressure off your knees and back, and it can help you keep balance on uneven ground. Walking sticks can be works of art too. During this workshop, we'll have different methods of design for all ages (only older participants will be allowed to carve with a knife.) Pre-registration is required.

### BIRD and/or BAT HOUSE BUILDING

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7 at 1:00pm**

Workshop fee: \$10/house

What better way to get through the cold winter months than to think about spring and the arrival of some wonderful flying creatures. Build a house for your favorite bird or bat. Find out ways to keep your house in tiptop shape by learning to identify bird nests and how to keep away other pests! Pre-registration is required and tell us which house, bird or bat, you'd like to make.

## **LOVE BIRDS WEEKEND & THE GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT FEBRUARY 14-15**



Valentine's weekend is for people in love and for people who love birds. Join us for a variety of activities – birdfeeder workshop with activity fee, nature hikes to look for birds, peaceful bird watching in the nature center, take pictures, and more. There's no activity fee for the bird count or hikes, but bring a bag of birdseed to donate if you can. Which birds are spending the winter with us here at Mounds State Park? Take part in the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Audubon Society's Great Backyard Bird Count. People of all ages and all levels of experience and skill can do it. Join us in the Nature Center's wildlife viewing room, or plan on hiking the trails at the park while you count birds. No registration is required, but seating is limited.

## **EXOTIC ANIMAL SHOW**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28 at 1:00pm & 2:30pm**

Activity fee \$2/person.

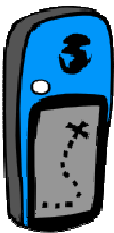
You won't see any of these critters roaming the woods of Indiana. That's why Critter Junction's Steve Thompson, Mounds State Park interpretive naturalist, is happy to show off his wonderful collection of live exotic animals. Get up close and personal with these amazing animals from around the world. No registration is required, but seating is limited.



## **GEOCACHE OUTDOOR ADVENTURE**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 14 at 1:00pm**

Activity fee: \$3/person or \$10 for a team of 4



This new and fun recreation will have you exploring different areas of Mounds State Park. You'll navigate your way through the woods by using a GPS unit to find a cache (storage box with items inside.) Don't have a GPS unit? Come anyway and join another team, or we'll have some extra GPS units for you to borrow. If you have an extra unit, bring it along for someone else to borrow. All ages are welcome – so get your family and friends together and get ready to have an outdoor adventure! Be prepared to win great prizes - these will be awarded for different categories. We'll have refreshments in the nature center afterwards to get you warmed up! Be sure to dress for the weather and wear comfortable shoes! Pre-registration is required.

## **HYPERTUFA: GARDEN ART WORKSHOP**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 28 at 1:00pm**

Workshop fee: \$5/person

As spring approaches, many of us begin to spruce up our lawns and start planting in our gardens. An easy way to add some decoration to your outdoor landscaping is by making hypertufa garden art. Discover the wonderful world of hypertufa, and make a concrete, but lightweight, garden container or other garden art to take home. Pre-registration is required.

## **RAPTORS RULE: LIVE BIRDS OF PREY**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 29 at 1:00pm**

Activity fee \$3/person and donations will also be accepted.

It's not everyday that you get to see a live eagle, hawk, owl, and more up-close. Fellow DNR property Hardy Lake Reservoir and the Dwight Chamberlain Raptor Rehabilitation Center will show off their flock and talk about their amazing road to recovery. Don't miss this opportunity to get up-close... because Raptors Rule! Make sure to bring your camera! This program is brought to you by the Friends of Mounds State Park. No registration is required, but seating is limited.

